
What is National Staff College?

National Staff College (NSC) is CAP's senior-level, capstone course in professional development. NSC is designed to provide accomplished field-grade officers with the executive leadership experiences necessary to develop national-level policy and effectively manage programs at the wing, region, and national levels.

What will I learn from NSC?

The National Staff College curriculum includes study in a wide array of subjects, including:

- ◆ Executive leadership
- ◆ Principles of organizations
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Group dynamics
- ◆ Interpersonal communications
- ◆ Strategic planning
- ◆ Executive management of resources
- ◆ CAP mission accomplishment at the national level

National Staff College is taught by highly-qualified professors and instructors from Air University, as well as executive leaders from private industry, the United States Air Force, and Civil Air Patrol. These instructors are selected based on their proven leadership ability and expertise in their chosen field.

How will attending NSC help me?

National Staff College will provide you with the leadership and management tools to help you better execute your leadership responsibilities – in CAP and in your own career.

Leading volunteers is an especially unique challenge, requiring CAP leaders to balance their career and family needs with the needs of the unit and mission. NSC can help **you** enhance your leadership abilities.

In addition, National Staff College is a requirement for earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award, CAP's highest award for professional development.

Will attending NSC help me at work?

Absolutely! The leadership, communication, and executive management skills taught at National Staff College are in great demand by employers in all industries, and are available to you at a fraction of the commercial cost.

Is NSC affordable?

With tuition of only **\$125**, National Staff College is a terrific investment in your career development. Commercial programs equivalent to National Staff College can cost hundreds, even thousands of dollars! All course materials and social activities are included in the tuition. There are additional fees for on-base lodging and meals. You must provide your own transportation to and from NSC.

Am I eligible to attend?

To attend National Staff College, you must be an active senior member in the grade of Major or above and have attended CAP's Region Staff College (or equivalent). Commanders at all echelons are especially encouraged to apply.

How do I apply?

Applying for National Staff College is simple. Submit a CAP Form 17, ***Application for CAP Senior Member Activities*** through your unit commander to wing (region HQ if on region staff) for endorsement. Send the completed application to the address below, along with the \$125 tuition fee. For more information, see CAPR 50-17, ***Senior Member Professional Development Program***, Chapter 7, or ask your unit or wing Professional Development Officer.

When you are selected for National Staff College, the NSC Director will send you an acceptance via E-mail with all the information you need.

Send your **endorsed** application (not later than 15 June 2006) to:

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105 South Hansell Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332
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